



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair
Tara B. White
Michele Shalaby
Board of Selectmen**

Minutes of October 12, 2013

The meeting convened at approximately 10am.

Board Members Present: Nathaniel Yohalem, Chairman
Tara B. White
Michele Shalaby

Others Present: Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant

A motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to approve the minutes of October 7, 2013.

Announcements

Chairman Yohalem announced that the warrant will be closed for the Special Town Meeting by the October 21 meeting and will be finalized by October 28.

It was noted that a survey was done last Thursday on the Clayton Mill River Culvert and that the final report of the cost will be given to the Board by October 21.

The Board signed the contract agreement on the Foley Bridge Project for J.H. Maxymillian, who was awarded the bid. Once the Contractor has signed and approved, a pre-construction meeting will be set.

Tax Collector, Caren Adams, was recently certified by the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association. The Board congratulated Ms. Adams and noted that a \$1,000.00 increase will be added to her salary.

Emergency Management Director, Ed Harvey, has been certified as having completed all required training courses. Congratulations were given to Mr. Harvey by the Board.

Chairman Yohalem, on behalf of the Board, extended thanks to the Village Association for the invitation to use the Meeting House for the Selectmen's meeting. The President of the Association was present in the audience.

Michele Shalaby updated the Board on the student who will be researching grants for the Town. Mrs. Shalaby and Administrative Secretary, Jessica Bosworth, had met with Shayna Spencer, a high school senior at Mount Everett, to discuss the proposed research for the Town and options

for compensation. Principal, Glen Devoti, suggested that Miss Spencer be paid an hourly wage from the Town, considering that she has an abundance of credits between school and the National Honor Society. **After a brief discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to hire Shayna Spencer to research grants for the Town of New Marlborough at the rate of \$10.00 per hour for a maximum of 50 hours, at which point a review will take place.** Miss Spencer will begin work on November 1, 2013. **After a discussion with the audience a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to amend the previous motion to \$8.00 per hour. Another motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to hire Shayna Spencer to research grants for the Town of New Marlborough at the rate of \$8.00 per hour for a maximum of 50 hours, at which point a review will take place.**

Administrative Secretary, Michael Skorput, announced that there are no updates from Police Chief, Scott Farrell, on the new software for the Police department. The Board is waiting for the maintenance contract from TriTec.

Chairman Yohalem read aloud a proposal from Lee Audio 'N Security for a security system at the Town Hall. The estimate includes motion detectors and an alarm, with an initial cost of \$1,508.00 and an annual monitoring fee of \$285.00. An additional proposal was included to integrate the fire alarm with the security system for an installment cost of \$609.00 and no annual fee. The Board requested more detailed information on the annual cost for its next meeting.

Michael Skorput updated the Board on the status of purchasing a safe for the Town Hall. The current quotes range from \$4,900.00 to \$8,000.00 and more are expected. The discussion was deferred to the October 21 meeting.

The Board also deferred the American Legion contract and the fiber optics Internet and telephone proposal from Crocker Communications to the October 21 meeting.

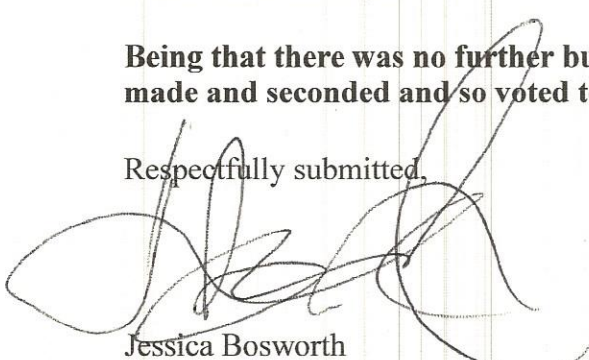
Chairman Yohalem requested that a copy of the expenditures list be presented to the Board for review and discussion at the first meeting of each month.

Chairman Yohalem discussed a telephone call that he received from Gretchen Long regarding the status of the property she wishes to purchase from the Town. The Board requested a notice be sent to all of the abutters to the property and Mrs. Long stating the availability of the property and the amount of unpaid taxes and fees.

Michael Skorput will contact the office of Smitty Pignatelli regarding the bill from the State that was filed for the Town in the amount of \$150,000.00 approved for use on road and bridge engineering and repairs.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made and seconded and so voted to adjourn at 10:27am.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Bosworth
Administrative Secretary